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FEMA Damage Assessment teams to re-visit damaged homes from May 6th - 8th floods

CLANTON- At the request of Governor Bob Riley and Alabama Emergency Management Agency Director Brock Long, FEMA damage assessment teams will re-evaluate affected homes damaged during the May 6th - 8th floods. The teams will visit homes with significant damage in Montgomery and Autauga Counties as well as Bullock County.

“I’m very pleased FEMA will be sending damage assessment teams back to Alabama because we believe a lot of damaged homes were missed during their first visit,” said Governor Riley.

With flooding, it is not uncommon for damage to manifest itself several days or weeks following a significant rain event; such as the one that occurred during the first week in May.

“Our goal as the Alabama Emergency Management Agency is to get the declaration denial for these counties overturned,” said Director Brock Long. “We appreciate FEMA agreeing to re-deploy teams to work in partnership with our Recovery division and county emergency managers to ensure all damaged homes are being reviewed.”

AEMA feels Individual Assistance (IA) is necessary to fully address the unmet needs of affected citizens. The damage assessment teams are scheduled to be in Autauga, Bullock and Montgomery Counties on Monday. During that time county officials will show the joint FEMA and State Assessment teams homes severely damaged as a result of flooding. The additional numbers will be used to appeal the IA declaration denial issued on June 8, 2009.

All counties in the original IA request will be included in the appeal; however Elmore County will not have additional damage assessment teams re-evaluating their homes, because county officials determined all homes were thoroughly reviewed during the first damage assessment.

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